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The applicants herein respectfully request that the Examiner in this action be compelled to file his response brief pursuant to MPEP § 1208 and 37 CFR 1.193. The applicants in this matter filed a second request for reinstatement of the appeal on March 8, 2005, as required by the Rules. A copy of the auto reply facsimile

transmission is attached and labeled Exhibit "A". Pursuant to MPEP § 1208 and 37 CFR 1.193, the Examiner had two (2) months after receipt of the brief to provide an answer. As can be seen, it has been more than six (6) months, yet no answer has been propounded. Further, it should be noted that this is not the first time that this Examiner has been late in providing timely responses in this matter. The original appeal was filed on August 28, 2003. Thereafter a timely appeal brief was filed by the applicants on October 23, 2003. On January 15, 2004, the prosecution was reopened and the new ground for rejection was provided. On April 13, 2004, the applicants filed a timely supplemental appeal brief and a request for reinstatement of the appeal. A copy of the auto facsimile transmission for these documents is attached as labeled Exhibit "B". On December 16, 2004, eight (8) months after the applicants' reinstatement of the appeal, another non-final action was submitted, thereby, reopening the prosecution and stating a new ground of rejection. The applicants again filed a timely supplemental appeal brief and request for reinstatement of the appeal on March 8, 2005, as previously stated. The applicants have been severly prejudiced by the inaction of the Examiner in this matter, and thus are requesting the commissioner to compel the Examiner to finally answer the applicant's brief as required.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any over payment under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 01-1125.

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